



NOTICE OF RACE V1

Salty Dingo RS Aero World Championships 2027

16-22 January 2027

Blairgowrie, Australia

The Organising Authority (**OA**) is Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron (**BYS**) in conjunction with the International RS AERO Class Association (**Int Association**) & RS Aero Class Association (Aus) Inc. (**Association**).

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 ('RRS').
- 1.2. The Australian Sailing prescriptions that apply are the [Australian Sailing Special Regulations, Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats](#), effective 1 July 2024.
- 1.3. Appendix T, Arbitration of RRS will apply.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix P will apply as changed by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5. [DP] denotes a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing (this changes RRS A5)
- 1.6. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the International Jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.1.

2. Sailing Instructions (SIs)

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available after 2000 hrs on Thursday 14 January 2027 at: <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=82326>

3. Communication

- 3.1. The official notice board is located at <https://sailingresults.net/sa/notice/?ID=82326> and can be accessed from the webpage <https://bys.asn.au/salty-dingo-rs-aero-world-championships-2027/>
- 3.2. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and entry

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all boats from the classes RS Aero 5, RS Aero 6, RS Aero 7, and RS Aero 9.
- 4.2. Competitors shall be a member of their World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA) and of the International RS AERO Class Association.
- 4.3. Eligibility for age categories will be the competitor's age as of 31 December 2027:
 - Junior – Under 17
 - Youth – Under 22
 - Masters – 55 years and over.

- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form and submitting it, together with the required fee, at: <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=1569775>
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6. Entry will close at 2359 hrs Saturday 9 January 2027.
- 4.7. It is not permitted to change class after registration and equipment inspection.
- 4.8. Proof of age will be required during entry.

5. Fees

- 5.1. The entry fee includes championship racing, an Opening Ceremony, Competitors' Dinner, and Presentation and will be as follows:
 - \$AUD 600 – for entries received until 2359 hrs 30 September 2026,
 - \$AUD 675 – for entries received until 2359 hrs 9 December 2026, then
 - \$AUD 800 – for entries received until 2359 hrs 9 January 2027.

6. [DP] Advertising

- 6.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with WS Regulation 20 and Class Rule C2.
- 6.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

7. Schedule

- 7.1. Registration and equipment inspection:

Saturday 16 January 2027	0900-1300 hrs & 1330-1600 hrs	Registration, Equipment Inspection
Sunday 17 January 2027	0830-1030 hrs	Registration, Equipment Inspection

- 7.2. Dates of racing:

Sunday 17 January 2027	1300 hrs	Invitation race
Monday 18 January 2027	Refer to NOR 7.6	Race session
Tuesday 19 January 2027	Refer to NOR 7.6	Race session
Wednesday 20 January 2027	Refer to NOR 7.6	Race session
Thursday 21 January 2027	Refer to NOR 7.6	Race session
Friday 22 January 2027	Refer to NOR 7.6	Race session

- 7.3. All classes will be sailed as a single class fleet, however the OA reserves the right to split a class into fleets with a qualifying and final series depending on entry numbers.
- 7.4. For each class, the maximum number of races is 13, with 4 races being the maximum number of races permitted per day.
- 7.5. On the last day of the regatta, Friday 22 January 2027, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs.
- 7.6. The first possible warning signal for each day will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 1900 hrs of the preceding day.
- 7.7. On each day, succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 7.8. Classes may be assigned individual time blocks in the racing schedule. If so, these will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Equipment inspection

- 8.1. A technical committee will be appointed.

- 8.2. [NP][DP] Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the official notice board, including available booking times. Competitors are to nominate the measurement time slot in which they will present. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the event ready for inspection.
- 8.3. Equipment inspection will take place in the boat park, as scheduled.
- 8.4. Equipment inspections may be made throughout the event at the discretion of the class representative, technical committee, or the jury.
- 8.5. Dollies will be shared during the regatta.
- 8.6. In accordance with Class Rule C.10.4 and Class Rules Annex 2 the national letters and flag of the helm shall be used. National flag sail stickers are available to purchase from Racing Sailboats.

9. Clothing and equipment

- 9.1. While afloat, RRS 40.1 shall apply.

10. Venue

- 10.1. Racing will be held in the waters off Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron.

11. Courses

- 11.1. Courses will be trapezoidal with inner and outer loops. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

12. International jury

- 12.1. An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). The right of appeal from a protest committee decision will be denied as provided in RRS 70.3(a).

13. Scoring

- 13.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. The low points scoring system pursuant to RRS Appendix A will apply as follows:
 - When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - When 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 13.3. The scoring system to be used if a qualifying series and final series is used will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

14. Support vessels

- 14.1. [DP] All support vessels shall register for the event by 16 January 2027 at: <https://sailingresults.net/entry/default.aspx?ID=1569775>
- 14.2. Support vessels registered after 6 January 2027 will incur a \$100 administrative fee.
- 14.3. Support vessels shall declare the characteristics of the assistance boat and the names and sail numbers of the accompanied competitors.
- 14.4. [DP] Support vessels shall carry a working VHF radio tuned to the regatta channel and be prepared to assist the Race Committee if requested to do so until cleared to leave the course area, carry a safety knife and lifejackets for all crew, and use a kill cord at all times whilst afloat.
- 14.5. Support vessels shall clearly display an identification number supplied at registration.
- 14.6. Marina berthing for support vessels is subject to availability and fees apply. Bookings shall be made with the BYS Marina Office.

15. Boat park

- 15.1. Arrival information will be posted on the official notice board by 1 December 2026.
- 15.2. [DP][NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park. All boats are stored at owner's own risk.
- 15.3. Trailer storage shall be permitted in the designated areas, which may be offsite. All trailers are stored at owner's own risk.

16. Data protection

- 16.1. Image and appearance rights: In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority, the Association and the sponsors of the regatta, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproduction of him/her during the period of the competition for the regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the regatta without compensation.
- 16.2. Use of participants' personal data: In participating in the regatta, the competitor and their legal representative's consent and authorise the OA to use and store their personal data free of charge. This data may be published by the OA and its sponsors.

17. Risk statement

- 17.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 17.2. All those taking part in the event are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 'Responsibility of the Person in Charge.' The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do their best to ensure that the boat is structurally sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew who are physically fit to face the expected conditions. The owner and the person in charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear. The owner and the person in charge must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows how to use it.
- 17.3. A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing an RS Aero in open water and self-recovering from a capsize in all conditions, including strong winds.
- 17.4. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the Organising Authority, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, members, volunteers, committee persons and race officials, acting in their official capacities, harmless from any claim arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

18. Insurance

- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with current third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$10,000,000 (or equivalent currency) per incident or the equivalent.
- 18.2. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance at any time and any competitor not holding such cover shall withdraw their entry.
- 18.3. A competitor should have personal accident and health insurance that covers them while attending the event and while racing.

19. Prizes

19.1. Prizes will be awarded, subject to entry numbers, for the following categories:

- RS Aero 5
- RS Aero 6
- RS Aero 7
- RS Aero 9
- Youth – RS Aero 5 Male & Female (under 17 & under 22 years), RS Aero 6 Female (under 22 years), RS Aero 7 Male (under 22 years)
- Female – RS Aero 5 & 6
- Master – RS Aero 5, 6, 7 & 9 (Male – 55 years and over, Female – 55 years and over)
- Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

19.2. RS Aero World Championship Titles

- RS Aero 5 World Champion
- RS Aero 6 World Champion
- RS Aero 7 World Champion
- RS Aero 9 World Champion
- RS Aero 5 Youth World Champion, Male & Female (under 17 & under 22 years)
- RS Aero 6 Youth World Champion, Female (under 22 years)
- RS Aero 7 Youth World Champion, Male (under 22 years)
- RS Aero 5 Female World Champion
- RS Aero 6 Female World Champion
- RS Aero 6 Master World Champion (55 years and over)
- RS Aero 7 Master World Champion (55 years and over)
- RS Aero 6 Female Master World Champion (55 years and over).

20. Further information

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Web www.bys.asn.au/salty-dingo-rs-aero-world-championships-2027/

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21. Changes to the Notice of Race

- 21.1. This notice of race may be subject to amendments which will be posted on the Official Notice Board.